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WORKERS VISIT NORDEN

Eleven workers--the largest 1943 party to date--visited the Clair Tappaan Lodge over the last week end, and made good progress on chimney work, wood cutting, and general clean-up.

Chimney construction is still the most pressing work, for the installation should be completed and the hole through the roof closed over before storms set in. Like all of the jobs at Norden, the chimney building is going slowly in this year of little man power; the big work parties of former years could sometimes put in more man-hours of work in one week end than the small one-day parties this year may be able to accomplish in the whole season. Hence the CTL Committee's plea for volunteers to aid in the necessary construction and maintenance work. They will welcome amateur concrete mixers, hod carriers, brick layers, wood cutters, or what-have-you.

Jack Not to be Dull Boy

Feature of the week end, according to those who participated, was the Sunday afternoon swimming party in one (or two--it seems that someone got "lost" en route) of the little lakes up above the Lodge. Did it just happen, Dick, that further concrete pouring became somehow inadvisable at about 3 o'clock?

Not all the workers spent their time running up and down ladders with chimney tiles and buckets of concrete. Though highest endeavor was carried out by Dick and Larry Burnley, Rolvin Petrie, Dale Williams, "Sailor Mac", work went on at three other levels. June Felter and Charlotte Hauk, when not preparing the meals, laundered drapes and couch covers and washed windows. Glenn Weber and Dick Felter inventoried and organized the first aid room. Howard Alderson and Irv Levine cut and hauled sections of the tree lying on the slope below the Lodge, with occasional help (?) and suggestions from the kitchen (cont. p. 6)

HIGH SIERRA PICTURES TO BE SHOWN

Motion pictures of last year's Three Camp Trip and color slides of outings in the back country of Yosemite will take us to the Sierra in the program at the PG&E Auditorium on Tuesday, October 12. Dr. A. R. Reinke and Dr. T. L. Althausen have made the fine pictures which will bring us "The Sierra in Retrospect".

For many of us, vacations this year just weren't, or were spent in picking prunes or grapes at St. Helena, or were used in making trips closer to home than our favorite High Sierra meadows and lakes. However, a number of Sierrans did get into the Yosemite country this year, and Dr. Reinke's and Dr. Althausen's pictures show some of the gorgeous country they visited. For a reminder of earlier trips, Dr. Reinke's Three Camp motion pictures of the Kaweah country will bring back pleasant recollections.

Remember the date; be there at eight!

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NURSE INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Having sustained severe injuries in a transportation accident, Bessie Lawrence has been hospitalized in North Africa.

Sierrans who have known Bessie on High Trips or in Chapter activities will of course hope that she, who has given so much good nursing care to others, may be fortunate enough to be cared for by one as good as herself! It is apparent that her spirits are as good as ever, for a list of her injuries (apparently quoting her own letter) adds to broken pelvis, fractured ankle, and head injury "and a spectacular black eye."

Anyone who has ever been in hospital --even at home--will know what company can mean. We can't visit, but we can write. The Sierra Club office will forward mail addressed to Lt. Bessie Lawrence, so get out your writing materials and supplement the Yodeler's wishes for a speedy recovery and a rapid return to top-notch condition.

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IT SEEMS TO US --

XXXX The Nominating Committee has really handed us a problem in the forthcoming election. It is likely going to prove extremely difficult to select only nine from the list of fifteen excellent candidates who have been placed on the ballot for the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Bay Chapter.

Each candidate brings a record of proven performance--all have already served in some office or with some committee whose work has benefitted the Bay Chapter and the Club as a whole.

It is to be hoped that the members of the San Francisco Bay Chapter will exercise their right to vote and will participate in chapter activities to this extent even though the press of many other things prevents further activity.

Many have expressed a reluctance to send in a ballot when they do not know all of the candidates. All right--vote for as many--up to nine--or as few as you wish, but do express your interest by responding to this request for your opinion as to who should represent you. If you have been dissatisfied with any phase of the administration of chapter affairs, this is your chance to "squawk" in an effective manner!

Ballots will reach you in the mail along with the new schedule which is to be sent out within the next couple of weeks. Be sure to fill yours in and mail it to the Club office before the deadline. Don't put it off--only a few minutes are required to discharge this important duty.

HOW LONG IS IT SINCE YOU LAST VISITED THE BLOOD BANK? IF EIGHT OR MORE WEEKS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE YOUR LAST VISIT, GO NOW.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Yodeleditor:

Your "moral" published in the August 2 Yodeler is heeded. I will forever read, heed, and write the Yodeler.

Congratulations on your "FBI Bureau." It is uncanny. I had forgotten the joys of my day in Washington, but your article reminded me that I had been there!

Bestor and Einar's museum in the OQMG is really worth the trip.

Now I am right in the heart of the Illinois farm belt, at Camp Ellis. These farmers are more than hospitable, and a fifteen course meal at their table is all home grown. The big excitement for them, besides entertaining a soldier (who is still a novelty for them) is Saturday night in town. Every one from baby to Grandma is there. Dad, of course, spends his time in a "bull session" on the street corner with his neighbors. That is probably the reason that every Illinois farm town is built around a park or town square.

I hope that this letter will serve as a hello to all my Sierra Club friends.

--Edgar

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Yodeleditor:

Just finished reading the latest edition and enjoyed it as usual.

The accounts of what's doing in far-off places are mighty good.

I'm interested in the Camp Hale group also, and always read all that I can find about their doings.

I noted that back in Washington, D. C., they scream and moan because the thermometer rises above 90°. Down here at Yuma we are "heat happy" from temperatures that almost always run in three figures. Please write about cool fog, not heat!

(Excuse this seemingly boorish moaning, but of course it is standard practice with GI's.)

Yours for bigger Yodelers

--Ralph (the desert rat)

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XXXX These encouraging letters are the kind we like to get. News accompanied by such reassurance rings the bell every time.

YODELEARS HEAR

--from Bob Schallenberger (at Camp Hale): "It is very beautiful here now. We have had a couple of snow storms and the higher mountains are covered with fresh snow. The aspens on the lower slopes and in the canyons have all turned bright yellow and orange. And it looks as if we will be going skiing soon."

--from Bernie Robertson, recently enlisted in the WAVES, who tells of a daily program beginning at 5:00 a.m. and ending with "Lights out--thank goodness!" at 9:30 p.m. She would enjoy getting mail from Sierra Club friends. Address:

a/s Bernice [illegible]. Robertson
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New York (63), N. Y.

--that Barbara Bedayn (erstwhile Yodeleditor) is just back from Colorado, where she left Raffi, the Browers, and the Hildebrands in good health. Anne and Dave and Viola and Milton have taken a house together at Glenwood Springs, which is referred to as "the Hildebrowery" and in which the girls have "plenty of room to keep out of each other's way", yet enjoy the company between the week ends on which Dave and Milton can drive down from Camp Hale in Dave's "P-38."

--that Betty and Haven Jorgensen, with Virginia Ferguson and Rosa Selle, knapsacked over to Peter Grubb Hut last week for a two-day visit. All of which goes to show that Jorgy's leg is hitting on all two again.

--through Naida Gilmore that Cora Visman who is in England with the WACS "loves it there", had her first ride in a B-25, and has just been to Windsor Castle. Frances Hussey is "having fun somewhere in North Africa" as a Red Cross Recreation Director.

--that Louise Butler, Dr. Etta and Harold Jeancon, of Southern California, and Harriet Yeomans, who comes out from Boston each year for her vacation, made a burro trip from Tuolumne Meadows this summer. Louise and Harriet had taken the Trail Riders' Trip (of the American Forestry Association) in the Rockies, earlier in the season, but as it poured every day, they decided they liked California scenery better than that of Colorado.

--that Glenn Weber conducted a demonstration recently on the use of the Club's two projectors (movie and still). It is hoped that another evening at the Club office may be arranged, so that still others may receive the same invaluable instruction. The Education Committee has found that the number of members who understand and can operate the projector is all too few.

--that Bob Miller is passing cigars at Standard Oil's R&D. Little Jean Louise arrived to make her home with the Millers.

--June May and little Elinor are expected to stay with Doris Leonard for an indefinite time, as Randy is being transferred and their plans are uncertain.

--that Josephine Campbell is now home from Children's Hospital and is "much better." Yodeler hopes you will be completely recovered very soon, Josephine.

NATURE DEPRECIATION COLUMN

Fall

In the spring a young man's fancy. . . but in the fall, he isn't, because he's either lost his vacation tan, or has acquired that after-harvest-camp look.

Fall is the time of the year that nobody much (including poets and me) gets inspired about, mostly on acct. it's too late for camping and too early for skiing.

Many years ago the early astronomers were smart enough to figure this out and tried to fix it up for posterity, but the trouble was that their slide rule wasn't long enough, and after they got as far as the line of the ecliptic, one of them went haywire, and as his partner afterward explained, "'E cliptic too short in the wrong places." So someone else had to figure out how to pull time out over this useless period and invented a new animal, half horse and half bovine quadruped, called the equin-ox. Of course, it was immediately discovered that it food teamwork, so half the load was given to vernal equinox (undoubtedly named after Vernal Falls--even if it is more active in the spring, which they didn't know yet then) and half given to autumnal equinox, named from the Latin autumnus, of uncertain origin. Which is mostly what I wonder about myself. Anyway, if you'll remember to look out of your window at the precession of the equin-oxen, you'll see one of them go by on the day after two weeks before next Wednesday and you'll know what I mean.

Time to fall out--at ease.

-- D. L. H.

LOMA PRIETAN PRATIN'S

Oct. 2-3. Aha, those who didn't trust the coolish night air on the overnight trip to Mount Madonna Park were not only disgruntled, chagrined, and fit to be left home--they were also served right when Sunday donned its most Mount Madonnaish air of warmth and radiance for the benefit of strollers through the green--pardon, we mean hikers through the stickers (well, at least part of the time).

And what's this about there being apples at just about the pickin' stage in them thar hills? Yes, of course we know that picking fruit is patriotic these days, but.....

Wilma Lester was leader, and to be congratulated for perfect arrangements with the weather bureau.

Oct. 9-10. Even the beginning of the new school term can't keep Chem Prof. Don Woods down. Doing his bit during the summer in the Food Army--genetic research and all stuff like that there--he's back and ready to lead next Sunday's return to L.P.'s old stamping ground--Alum Rock Park. Come, all ye faithful! Only 5 miles to walk from San Jose--if your gas is getting short--before the hike begins.

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PARSONS LODGE CLOSED BUT--

Custodian Doug Whiteside doesn't yet know it's time to come home. Right now he's on a climb of Mount Lyell and Mount McClure with the annual Glacier Survey Party. Okeh, Doug, we'll let you take a vacation with the proviso that you'll bring us back a glacier--we'd like to establish a ski slope this winter just around the corner on Montgomery Street.

--D.L.M.

OF CURRANT INTEREST

Picking currants at Norden for Betty Jorgensen to make jelly of, was the inspiration for one of the finer new inventions. The thorns grow all around the berries, thereby making it difficult to pick the berries without getting stuck. It has been suggested that a little vacuum cleaner might be designed for scooping them off, using the currant from the bushes to run it with. (There's more than one way to break a monopoly.)

KODIAKROMES

Watercolors by Sgt. Malcolm G. Smith, done in the vicinity of Kodiak, Alaska, are now on exhibit at the club rooms, as announced in previous Yodelers. But that isn't all. During Malcolm's 20 months of Army service at Kodiak, he not only found time for painting, but collected specimens of over 200 plants, which are now at the California Academy of Sciences. John Thomas Howell selected some of the most attractive of these and arranged to have them specially mounted for showing in conjunction with the water colors. He has used Malcolm's own labels, made "on the spot." Members will surely want to see this unusual "one man show."

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FINAL GLEANINGS FROM HARVEST CAMP

The High School grounds at St. Helena are still available for Sierra Club members to camp on during the coming few week ends, but of course one must provide his own commissary now.

There will be work for small groups of Sierra Club members who go to St. Helena the next two week ends. Gantners and other hill vineyards will be picking late into October. Members are welcome to stay at the school and cook meals outside as they did last year. Contact the Labor Office or call Mr. La Franchi for work assignments.

A box of Lost and Found, everything from shoes (good), hats, blankets to towels, washcloths, miscellaneous clothes (Scotty, did you lose a hat? You may need it next year.) has been brought down and may be claimed at the club office.

Calling at the Evans ranch on Sunday we found Mrs. Le Duc actually sitting at leisure on the porch. The last prune had been gathered the day before. She says that the fine prune orchard near the house would have been a total loss but for the Club workers, since it ripened while the Mexicans were still busy in the main orchard.

Mr. La Franchi reports that the valley prune crop as a whole is harvested. The Asplund ranch had gathered 100 green tons out of 150 and would certainly get in another 25 tons. They are sincerely grateful to the Club members for takings care of this and other outlying ranches.

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YOU'VE HEARD IT BEFORE, BUT WE CAN'T REMIND YOU TOO OFTEN: SEND YOUR BLOOD TO WAR!
PHONE GRAYSTONE 9373 OR TEMPLEBAR 5924 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

In spite of cloudy weather, several ventured to Sigmund Stern Grove on Sept. 25, investigated plants around the lake, and had a semi-barbecued dinner at one of the grills. It was warm and pleasant, though cloudy. We were entertained at dinner by a covey of quail that flew down the hillside and settled near us.

TCC Day, Sept. 26, saw about 8 of the NSS taking the Matt Davis Trail to Bootjack Camp for the meeting. On the homeward journey, by way of West Point, we entertained ourselves determining ceanothus and manzanita.

--L. M.

Calendar

Oct. 14, Thursday, 8 p.m., S. F. Public Library. Harold Kirker, of the Mountain Troops, will address the Audubon Association and show slides of his eastern sojourn. NSS members are cordially invited to attend.

Oct. 15, Friday, 7:45 p.m., Dept. of Entomology, California Academy of Sciences. Dr. E.C. Van Dyke (Honorary Curator, CAS; Prof. Emeritus, UC; Charter Member, Sierra Club; eminent coleopterist) will introduce us to wonders in a natural science we have neglected. The Academy may be reached by bus connecting with cars B, C, or N. Those going in private cars, enter park at 10th Ave. and Fulton, or 9th Ave. and Lincoln, and follow white line to Academy. Any wishing to dine before, meet at the "El Portal," 8th and Fulton, at 6:30 p.m.

West Point Week End -- Saturday, Oct.23

1:55 p.m. Mill Valley bus from S. F.
6:00 p.m. Dinner, central commissary.
8:00 p.m. ? Among other things we'll star-gaze, weather permitting.

Sunday, Oct. 24

8:00 a.m. Breakfast, central commissary
10:00 a.m. To Potrero Meadows
2:00 p.m. Return to Mill Valley

Cost: 3 red stamps and $2.25 ($1 for West Point lodging, $1.25 for food). Stamps and money must be paid to Laura Mercado or Tom Howell by deadline, Oct. 15. Reservations may still be available until then.

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(Oops!---We meant to say brown stamps)

ADD-LIBEING

Judging by the dearth of borrowings during recent months, far too few club members--Yodelereaders included--are acquainted with the nooks and crannies of the Sierra Club Library.

This seems to be as good a time as any to sketch a few high lights of the library, in the hope that more Sierrans then will avail themselves of all the advantages it offers.

The club has about 700 books which may be borrowed. Most of these are popular books on mountaineering and skiing and related subjects. Quite a number cover the various aspects of nature study. These books are located just east of the entrance to the clubrooms, on both the north and south walls.

The remaining shelves contain rare volumes, periodicals of mountaineering, skiing and other outdoor organizations, and similar material. In addition, the club has quite a collection of photograph albums and maps. None of these items may be removed from the club rooms, but all may be examined there.

The books which may be borrowed have been catalogued, by the library committee, according to the Dewey-decimal classification system. This means that these books are arranged by subject matter, but that they have been given numbers and placed in the shelves by numbers to facilitate library users in locating them.

The simplest method of locating a desired book is by using the card catalogue which the library committee has made. All books are catalogued alphabetically by author, title, and subject, which gives the reader a choice of three ways of locating a volume. The card gives the number of the book and the number is the key to its location on the shelves.

Eventually the committee expects to catalogue all of the periodical and reference data, but this job will take many years. In the meantime, it is relatively easy to locate this material on the shelves.

At present one of the committee members is taking inventory of, and cataloguing, the photograph albums, and some time in the not-too-distant future the committee hopes to have its maps available for immediate use.

T. C. C. DAY

The Semi Annual Meeting of the T. C. C. was held at Bootjack Camp Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26. About 200 were on hand when President Vee Krysiak called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Around 40 Sierra Club members attended.

After reports by the club officers, Jack Piper gave a report on the West Point Club. Cy Washburn then reported on the Sierra Club Harvest Camp. Many of those present, including President Vee, had attended the camp.

Entertainment was furnished by members of the various clubs. Mrs. Grace Woodward, representing the Sierra Club, gave several violin selections.

Dad Plevin, with the help of Joe Staudinger and others, supplied all the coffee we wanted.

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Work Party (cont. from p. 1)

crew which eventually provoked the chorus, "Woman's place is in the kitchen."

Work parties will be scheduled as often as personnel and transportation are available. Any one who wishes to join the fun and help out in the work of protecting our big investment should get in touch with TCL Committee Chairman Dick Burnley, LA 2-0871.

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JOHN COLUMBUS TO COME

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 10, two days ahead of schedule, Christopher Columbus, in the personof John Mazza, will for the third time make his annual discovery of America.

Because the army has taken over Aquatic Park, the Park Commissioners have granted him permission to land in Washington Square. As a substitute for the usual landing of former years, John will direct and put on his own pageant for the occasion under the auspices of a Columbus Day Committee appointed by the Mayor. Frank Stannard will play the part of the Grand Cardinal of Spain, Pedro Gonzalez de Mendoza, who first introduced Columbus to Queen Isabella.

So, members of the club not out on the trail that day, are cordially invited to witness this "great event." John has promised that, wind and weather permitting, Columbus will make a perfect "dry landing" from the "Santa Maria" at Washington Square that afternoon, Oct. 10, between three and four o'clock.

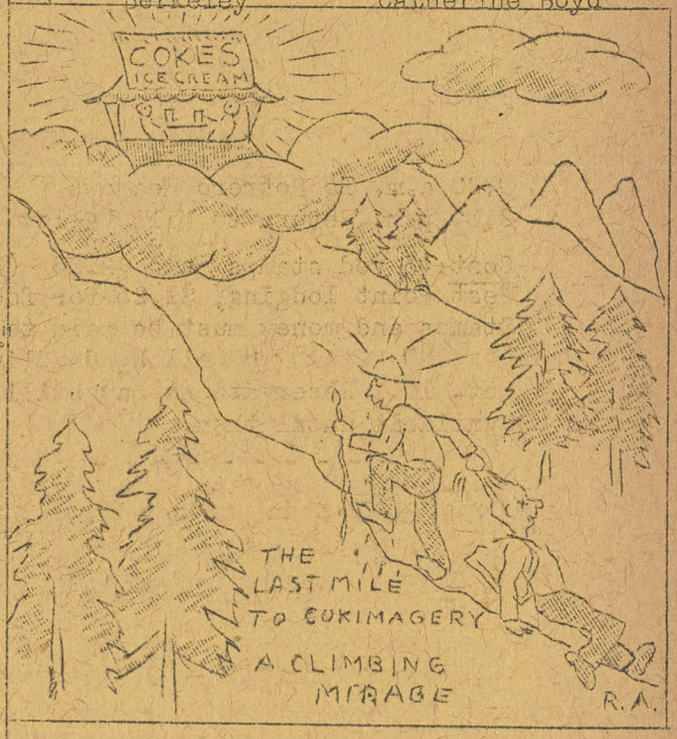
APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

San Francisco Bay Chapter

List made September 16, 1943

Date of election October 16, 1943

Fred H. Blum	Emeline LaGrange
Berkeley	Walter Marx
Louise Gerstacker	Edward Breitsieser
San Francisco	Edgar Frank
Elithe S. Kell	Ida Safley
San Francisco	Marjorie Hart
Betty Rhoades	Ida Safley
San Francisco	Edith Fremdling
Alan Wharton	Patricia Bowler
Berkeley	Catherine Boyd



TO SEND YODELERS OVERSEAS

Recently the Yodeler advertised a pair of "Fred Fowler" shoes to be "sold to the highest bidder," the proceeds to be used for sending Yodelers to readers overseas. The highest bid was "five dollars plus postage." So the Fred Fowlers have come out of the closet and gone to work, and the five bucks have gone to the Yodeler for overseas mailing. Here's to the day when our feet will be back on Sierra trails in new and better "Fred Fowlers."